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CINDERELLA '66 will be the theme of this year's Opera Ball on May 6 and judging by the committee members who met at Mrs. Robert McNamara's house at 3 yesterday, it will be a roaring success. The women who can be counted on to produce everything from prestige to people and from savoir-faire to swingers were there. Margie McNamara is chairman of the whole to-do.

The name of the ball derives from the name of the opera it will follow — Rossini's gay and sophisticated "Cinderella" which will be presented at the National Theater at 7:30 by the new and enormously successful Metropolitan National Opera Company.

It will be over by 10 p.m., at which time everybody in the dressy audience will step into their limousines or walk a couple of blocks to the Smithsonian's new Museum of History and Technology where the ball will take place.

THE FIRST WHING-DING ever to be given within those modern walls will be held on two floors, with the music from Peter Duchin's orchestra rising through the great well to the second floor, said Mrs. David Ginsburg, president of the Opera Society of Washington which will share the proceeds with the visiting opera company.

Tickets in orchestra and first balcony will go for \$100 and \$75 each and both prices will include both the performance and the ball. They hope that some 1,000 to 1,500 will go on to the party afterwards.

Lady Dean of Great Britain, Mme. Lucet of France, Pepita Tejera of Venezuela, Badea Laraki of Morocco, and Mrs. Khosrovani of Iran were ambassadors' wives present. Others seated in the McNamara drawing room and dining room were Mrs. Cyrus Vance, Mrs. Harold Brown, wife of the secretary of the air force, Mrs. Bill Henry, Mrs. Tracy Barnes, Mrs. Edward Hamm, Mrs. Frank Wisner, Mrs. Robert Low Bacon, Mrs. Polk Guest, Mrs. "Foxy" Carter, Mrs. Edmond Howar, Mrs. Matthew Loomam, Mrs. James Hendrick, Mrs. Hobart Spalding, Mrs. Jack Lanahan, Mrs. John McEvers, Mrs. Bill Finley and Mrs. Bill FitzGerald.

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